# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST CONTINUATION SHEET U.S. 301 SOUTH CORRIDOR TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Property Name: Pyles Lumber Warehouse and

Dwelling House

Survey No.: PG: 76A-8 (PACS A182)

Property Address 6210 and 6208 Old Branch Avenue, Camp Springs, Prince George's County
Owner Name/Address Henry and Mary Jenkins, 8604 Old Branch Avenue, Clinton, MD 20735
Year Built 1912/c. 1920

#### Description:

The Pyles Lumber Warehouse and Dwelling House were previously surveyed by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) in 1973 and 1984. Since the time of the previous survey, the dwelling house at 6208 Old Branch Avenue has been demolished.

#### National Register Evaluation:

Pyles Lumber Warehouse and Dwelling House is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. The property does not meet Criterion C, as the dwelling house has been demolished. In addition, the setting of the crossroads has been drastically altered by modern development and expansion of the highway system. As a result, the site integrity of the warehouse has been significantly compromised. Finally, the property has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, is not eligible under Criterion D.

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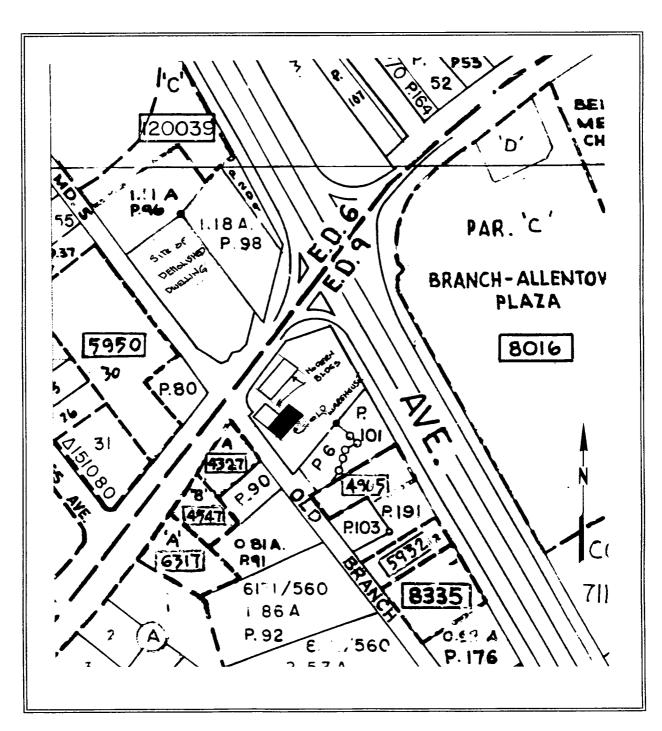
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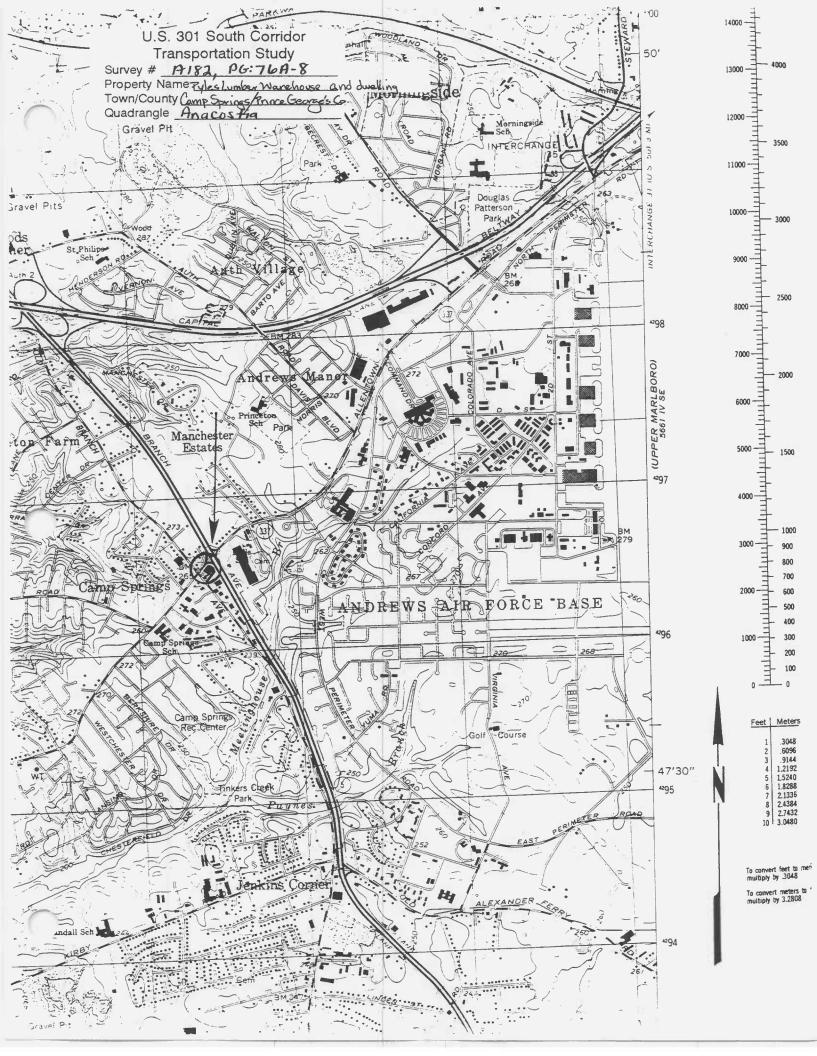
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### Resource Sketch Map:



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#### PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

#### HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #76A-8 Building Date: ca. 1912, ca. 1930.

Building Name: Pyles Lumber Warehouse and Dwelling House

Location: 6210 and 6208 Old Branch Avenue, Camp Springs, Maryland

Private/Storage/Occupied/Good-Fair

## Description:

There are two buildings at this crossroads site. The first is the Pyles dwelling house, a two-story gable-roofed frame house on the two-acre northeast corner of the crossroads. Entrance is in the central bay of the five-bay west (main) facade. A one-story columned porch shelters the west facade and wraps around the north gable end. At the south gable end is a two-story semi-hexagonal bay window. On both stories, double doors have been installed in place of the windows, to allow easy access for storage of large business materials. The frame siding of the house has been covered by imitation red-brick asphalt shingle.

The second building stands across Allentown Road on the 1.59-acre southeast corner lot. It is a rectangular two-story frame warehouse with a nearly-flat roof which slopes gently to the list; its principal facade faces Old Branch Avenue (to the west). This main west facade has a large central double-door on each story. On the second story this double-door is flanked by two small 2/2 windows. The original white German siding has recently been covered by vertical natural-color (wood composite?) siding.

## Significance:

These two buildings represent the residence and commercial structures of the Pyles family business, at an important crossroads location; the intersection of the Washington-Brandywine Road and the Camp Springs - Upper Marlboro Road had been the site of commercial enterprises since before the Civil War. The dwelling house on the northeast corner lot was built by W. E. Pyles ca. 1912, while Pyles operated a grocery store on the southeast corner. In later years, probably before 1930, Pyles constructed the frame feed-warehouse just south of the grocery store. After the Second World War, when he went into the lumber business, the warehouse came to be used for lumber storage; it serves that purpose today.

This important commercial crossroads has changed drastically in the last generation, particularly with the construction of Maryland Route 5 a short distance to the east. The 1.59-acre warehouse lot now contains several other commercial buildings of the Pyles Lumber Company. The two-acre dwelling house lot now includes two other residences and separate garages. The old frame dwelling house is boarded up and used as storage for the lumber company, and future plans for improvement of the Route 5 interchange include use of this house lot as an access ramp.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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There are two buildings at this crossroads site. The first is the dwelling house of W. E. Pyles, built at approximately the time that he established his business here. This is a two-story gable-roofed frame house built on the two-acre northeast corner of the crossroads. Entrance is in the central bay of the five-bay west (main) facade. The door has transom and sidelights. Above this central bay is a central gable in the roof, which has a small square window and fish-scale shingles as do the north and south gable ends. A one-story columned porch shelters the west facade and wraps around to shelter the north gable end as well.

The main part of the house consists of central hall and two parlors with bedrooms above. Two interior corbelled-cap brick chimneys at the ridge serve flues on the interior walls of these two parlors. Each of these pseudo-fireplaces has a heavy dark-wood veneered mantel.

At the south gable end is a two-story semi-hexagonal bay window. On both stories, double doors have been installed in place of the windows, to allow easy access for storage of large business materials.

To the east is a two-story ell-shaped wing which is taken up by the kitchen, back stairs, and bedroom above. Beaded wainscoting of the period covers the walls and ceiling of the kitchen. There is another corbelled-cap brick chimney at the ridge at the east end of this ell.

The frame siding of the house has been covered by imitation red-brick asphalt shingles.

The second building stands across Allentown Road on the 1.59 acre southeast corner lot. It is a rectangular two-story frame warehouse with a nearly-flat roof which slopes gently to the east; its principal facade faces Old Branch Avenue (to the west). This main west facade has a large central double-door on each story. On the second story this double-door is flanked by two small 2/2 windows. The original white German siding has recently been covered by vertical natural-color (wood composite?) siding.

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8. Significance

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The dwelling house, built, ca. 1912, was the residence of W. E. Pyles, who had, a few years earlier, started a grocery business in a building across the road to the south. This was an important crossroads, the intersection of the Washington-Brandywine Road and the Camp Springs - Upper Marlboro Road, and there had been commercial enterprises at this crossroads since before the Civil War.

In later years, probably before 1930, Pyles constructed a feed ware-house just south of the grocery store, with its two double-doors facing the Brandywine Road. When, after the Second World War, Pyles went into the lumber business, this frame warehouse came to be used for lumber storage. It still serves that purpose.

Although this intersection has been an important commercial crossroads for over a century, it has changed drastically in the last generation, particularly with the construction of Maryland Route 5 a short distance to the east. The northwest and southwest corners are now taken up with gas stations, and traffic is very heavy. The 1.59 acre warehouse lot now contains several other commercial buildings of the Pyles Lumber Company. The two-acre dwelling house lot now includes two other residences and separate garages. The old frame house is boarded up and used as storage for the lumber company, and future plans for improvement of the Maryland Route 5 interchange include use of this house lot as an access ramp.

## **Major Bibliographical References** Survey No. P.G. 76A-8 P.G. County Deeds #4725:488; #2435:550; #82:434; #50:157; JWB #9: 540; FS#4:408 Wills WDA #4:245 Equity #4509; Drawer 11, plat #120(Allen estate) 10. Geographical Data NE corner house lot - (2 acres) Acreage of nominated property SE corner warehouse lot - (1.59 acres) Quadrangle name **UTM References** do NOT complete UTM references Zone Zone Verbal boundary description and justification List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries code state county code code code state county Form Prepared By name/title Susan G. Pearl History Division, M-NCPPC date April 1984 organization 4811 Riverdale Rd., 779-2011 telephone street & number Maryland Riverdale, state city or town The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement. The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Shaw House

21 State Circle

Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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There are two separate buildings here. The first is located on the NE corner. It is a rectangular-shaped, two-story frame house, with a newer brick veneer. It has five bays on its main (west) facade, and there is a central door and a center gable in the roof. The center gable and end gables are covered with patterned shingles. The door has transom and side-lights; a heavy, open porch surrounds the front and north sides.

South of this, just below the SE corner of the crossroads, is an older, two-story frame building with a flat roof. The main (west) facade has large doors at each level, and a crane extends over the second-story door. This was probably the original warehouse for the Pyles Lumber Co., which is still in operation here.

## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Both of these buildings represent the early 20th Century crossroads atmosphere of southern Maryland. The lumber ware-house is particularly notable as it is one of the very few older commercial buildings seen in this county.

# MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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### Chain of Title

# Pyles Warehouse and Residence P.G. #76A-8

(Warehouse lot) #4725:488 Feb 1977 Deed	Harry E. Pyles, Sr. to Glen O. Pyles and Harvey E. Pyles, Jr., three parcels including Parcel #2, 1.594 1 acre as by deed #2435:550.
#2435:550 30 Mar 1960 Deed	Harvey E. Pyles (executor of W. Eugene Pyles, deceased) to Harvey E. Pyles, Sr. (individual), as per W.E. Pyles will WDA #4:245: 1.594 acre in Surratts District as described in #50:157, remainder from 3 acre parcel.
WDA #4:245 18 June 1959 Will	Testator: Wallace Eugene Pyles: Item II to son Harvey E. Pyles, Sr., \$100.00 in cash and/or real estate (H.E. Pyles chooses 1.594 acre property plus cash and securities).
#50:157 7 Dec 1908 Deed	Anna M. Allen to W.E. Pyles: 3 acres which grantor acquired from her father Andrew Payne by FS #4:408 at (southeast) corner of TB-Washington Road and Camp Springs-Marlboro Road.
FS #4:408 11 July 1866 Deed	Andrew and Eleanor Payne to Ann Mariah Payne; 18 acres in forks of Alexandria-Marlboro and Washington-Surratts Roads.
#4509 1916 Equity	See also plat (1915) of Anna M. Allen estate showing Pyles store and residence lots. (Plat #120 in Drawer 11, P.G. Co. Courthouse).

(House lot) #82:434 18 July 1912 Deed Jefferson B. Redd to Wallace E. Pyles; part of "Manchester" (northeast) corner of Washington-T.B. Road and Marlboro Road, 2 acres which grantor acquired from Richard H. Sweeney in 1888 by JWB #9:540.

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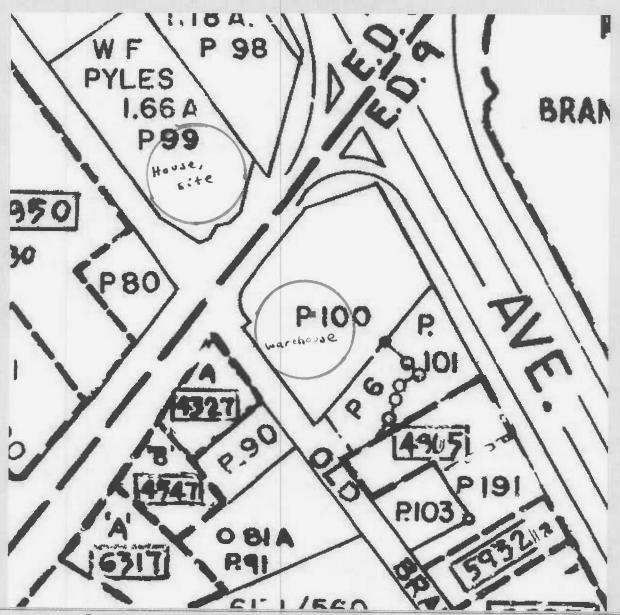


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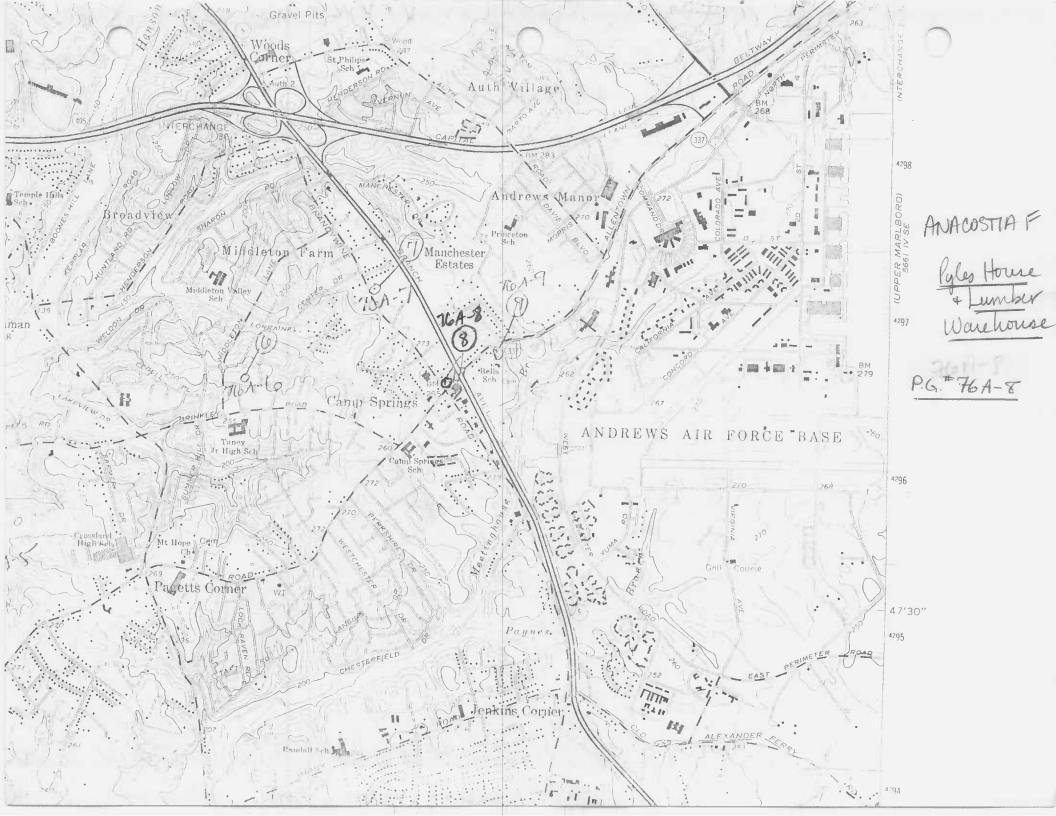
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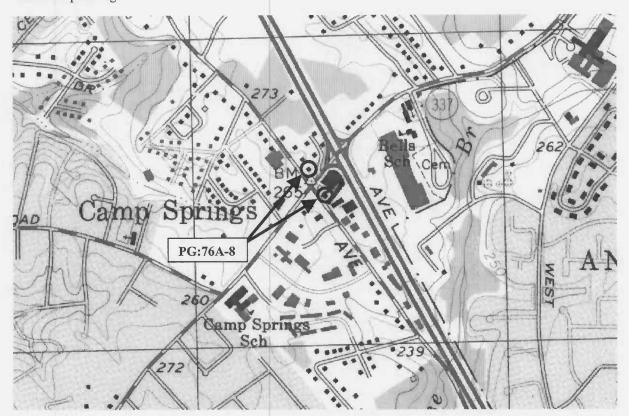


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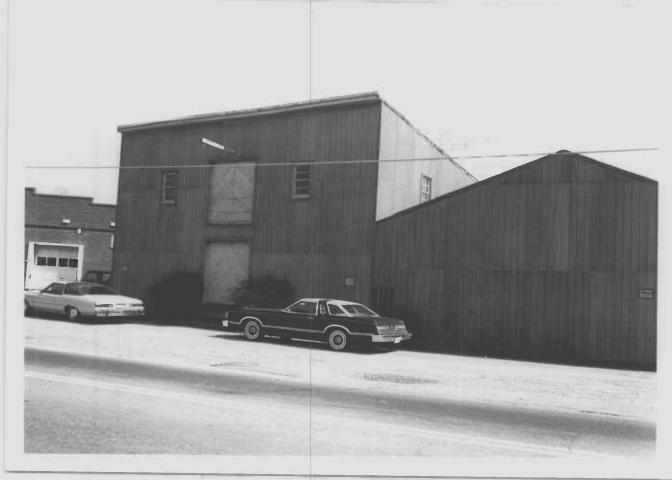
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NAME OLD LUMBER WAREHOUSE (PYLES)

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